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"The B Girl" is the story of an extraordinary friendship, a planet in peril, and a science fantasy adventure beyond imagination.

Her people were dying, suffocating from the toxic poisons sprayed upon them by the humans. There is but one chance to save them. The Queen must take a fantastic journey and transfer her life force into a dying human girl named Victoria Vetri. If the transfer works, the girl will be saved and the Queen will achieve human form as the two of them merge into one consciousness. Then, the true danger begins.

Once in the human form of Victoria, the Queen must adjust to dealing with emotions and relationships. But time is running out. She must locate the source of the deadly toxins, face down an evil corporation that puts profits before life, and find a way to save not only her people, but all of the green world and the very Earth itself.

Victoria Vetri is the B Girl, in this thrilling, emotion-packed, epic, dramatic novel from the lurid imagination of James J. Caterino, author of the "Caitlin Star" series.

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Jennifer says

Imaginative, spellbinding tale of about two best friends, Zoe and Victoria, who have grown up together. Victoria is stricken by a fatal illness, and literally as she takes her dying breath, she is brought back to life by a fantastical event.

The story takes place between the girls' senior year of high school and freshman year of college and we learn why Victoria brought back, and about the villainous forces who want to stop her or exploit her. There is action, suspense, and some beautifully realized sci-fi sense of wonder moments. But more than anything else, "The B Girl" is a deeply moving story about friendship. It is a very special book that I wanted to go on forever.

Sam H Arnold says

A new novel from a favourite author is always a welcome but apprehensive adventure. It was no different this time for me as I embarked on the new novel by James J Caterino. I have for several years greatly enjoyed his Caitlin Star novels so was excited to see where this new novel would take me.

The B Girl has many characteristic elements from this author. The first being the strong message which is conveyed through many of his books about the destruction that humans are doing to our planet. This time we visit this strong message through the eyes of many bee hives being destroyed through chemicals and the on going effect this has on our ecosystem. The other common element in these books is the excellent character development. This book has several interesting characters. The characteristic good writing helps you engage and emphasis with these characters as you watch them grow and progress throughout the story.

The only criticism I would have is that initially there are many characters in the story and it took me a couple of chapters to remember who they all were and where they fitted in. The story is fast paced like previous novels and highly engaging which keeps you turning the pages rapidly until the end.

This is an excellent novel which keeps you hoping for more at the end. My personal preference is that I enjoy the Caitlin Star books more but I still thoroughly enjoyed this read and will certainly be hoping for more books with these characters in.

Lana says

Delightful, addictive, moving science fiction/fantasy drama about a teenage girl who makes a miraculous recovery from a fatal illness when...

Well, to say more will spoil the fun (and the emotion), but this is a case where the back cover blurb is pretty accurate about what is inside. It really is a wildly imaginative story. But given that I had recently read the author's rousing "Caitlin Star and the Rise of the Barbarians", this did not surprise me. Imagination and action are this writer's strengths. But I really was taken (and surprised in a good way) by the level of

emotional intimacy. The two main characters, Victoria and Zoe, are beautifully developed.

Mr. Caterino is now two for two with me, and I cannot wait to read more of his stuff.

Jenny says

Wonderful, heartfelt, suspenseful, highly engaging book with beautifully rendered, unforgettable character. I just loved this story and read it twice. So imaginative and very moving.

Maida says

The title of the book suggests it is about a girl, probably some kind of a superhero. Then after the first or maybe second chapter I figured out what it really meant and it means something really cool. B... b... bee? Yeah. A young adult book about a young adult girl, in the summer between her last year of high school and first year of college. Technically, maybe something between young and new adult. And she is on the verge of death, not such an unusual setting in the stories I have read or heard of lately. But this story is not a tragic one, not really. The bad things that might have happened have nothing to do with weakness, sadness, hopelessness. Everything about this is just as the title might suggest at first, it is a wonderful and touching story about a young superwoman! It is also a tribute to nature, with a strong save-the-world message.

The writing style is from the third person point of view, quite informal, which suits the intended audience perfectly. There are a lot of pop culture references, which I like, except one that is funny to see but I still do not really like to see anywhere, and that is Donald Trump. However, I like the penis substitute metaphors, which would probably suit every feminist's fancy. Something that might be a hit or miss for some people is a certain relationship age gap present in this book. Personally, I am not a big fan of it, but then again, this age gap was not too big, I guess. And the fact that one of the characters addressed that matter and showed some sort of low-key disapproval of that, but also had some arguments for that relationship made me accept it and even see it as fitting. Thankfully though, that is only a side story here, a mandatory love-interest part, but the main events are about some things much sweeter.

This story is heavily centred around a close life-long female friendship between the main characters Victoria and Zoe, V and Z, as they like to call themselves. Seemingly average teenage girls, they're not average at all. Zoe is an already rather accomplished filmmaker-to-be and Victoria is her strong and beautiful best friend with the biggest heart, who is usually the star in her films. They are always there for each other and their biggest wish has always been to spend the rest of their lives together, to truly be best friends forever. Throughout the story they run into some obstacles, challenges, things that tried to bring them apart, but nothing is bound to succeed at such an attempt, not even death itself--for their connection is stronger than anything. It even gets stronger after an out-of-the-world orgasmic sci-fi-esque experience they shared, which made Zoe a believer in metaphysical things she had never thought she could believe in. The few retrospects of some key events of their lives, which were all well preserved in Zoe's video archive and her memories, too, were things that deepened our understanding of the beauty of their friendship. The events at Bluehole, their secret place, a waterfall, were so beautifully described and made me wish I were there with them, too. The atrium, too, made for a really soothing atmosphere. I like how the author allowed us to be in some animals' thoughts, to see how they might feel-- just the way he did with the chimpanzees in *Caitlin Star and the Rise of the Barbarians*. Aside from that alone, we even got the chance to imagine what it would be like

would our two worlds collided. How other beings might react to something we claim for ourselves-- emotions. We see the possibility of other beings maybe not having the same thing, but something similar to it, maybe even much greater--here called *the stream*.

Every message this book conveys is very positive and fitting for young adults girls, young adults in general, and everyone else, really. It is also very exciting, suspenseful, full of surprises and interesting events that lead to a perfect ending. I have not expected that and I do not think I would have liked it any other way. I am content with it the way it is, but I am sure a sequel would be awesome, as well.

John says

Wonderfully written, immensely engaging SF/Fantasy. I was surprised just how much I loved these two main characters and how the story got to me. Yes, by that I mean it emotionally got to me.

I really loved how Zoe was an avid film lover/director and all of the personal details and pop culture references. This was just a joy to read.

Simply put, a fantastic book.

Samantha Stevens says

Moving, magical, coming of age science fantasy adventure brimming with heartfelt emotion and unforgettable characters.

This suspenseful, brilliantly imaginative tale is the story of a Queen Bee, who literally takes human form in the person of Victoria Vetri, a teenage girl on her deathbed. The merging/metamorphosis gives Victoria a new lease on life and more time with her family, her best friend, and time to try and save the world she came from, the world of the bees.

The writing is simply gorgeous with cinematic passages that burn alive with imagery and emotion you will never forget. The immensely and multi-talented James J. Caterino has created a minor masterwork with this gem of a book.

Ashley says

Wow! Talk about blowing away expectations in a whole new direction!

Being familiar with the author from his "Caitlin Star" novels, (of which I am a huge fan), I had no idea what to expect from "The B Girl". It is an emotionally involving story that drew me in and took me into the world of the two main characters, eighteen-year-olds Zoe and Victoria, life-long best friends.

"The B Girl" is the story of Queen Bee who takes human form (by merging with, and thereby saving) a dying teen-age girl named Victoria. But unlike the typical "B" movie plot this kind of premise usually leads to, Victoria/The Queen is here not to conquer, but to save her species, and the delicate eco balance of the earth

itself.

While the "Caitlin Star" books were very strong action/plot oriented stories (albeit with great characters), "The B Girl" is very character-driven. But make no mistake, this is an exciting story, and does have its share of action too.

But in the end, what makes "The B Girl" so special, is its heart. This is a beautifully written, magical story, and one of the best books I read in a long time.

Sally says

“The B Girl” is the astonishing tale of a Queen Bee that assumes human form (in the form of a teenage girl) in order to navigate the human world and help save her species (and the whole planet!) from extinction.

This high-concept YA contemporary science fiction/fantasy novel is a brilliantly realized, compelling, highly imaginative work of dramatic fiction that is utterly and spectacularly captivating from start to finish.

The two main characters, Zoe, and Victoria (the B Girl) are beautifully developed, realistic characters that win over the reader. This is above all else, a story about the friendship between these two girls, and along the way there is drama, excitement, action, suspense, and some deeply emotional scenes.

Mr. Caterino fully utilizes his thirty years of experience as a screenwriter and has created a warm, magical, moving masterpiece of young adult fiction.

? Su ? says

I was sent a copy of this book via Goodreads Giveaways in exchange for an honest review.

Victoria Vetri is a teenage girl on her deathbed with a terminal disease until she suddenly springs back to life, she was fully recovered and healthy.

the inexplicable transformation occurred when a queen Bee merges with Victoria and saves her life, giving her super strength and the ability to communicate with bees.

a story of amazing friendship and saving the planet.

but it wasn't at all to my taste, I just didn't enjoy it much.

Rochelle Smith says

Incredible short novel that left me emotional and exhilarated.

"The B Girl" manages to be epic on one level, and highly intimate and deeply personal on another. As the back blurb says, it really is the story of a special friendship, and a true YA book in that it is a coming-of-age story. Zoe and Victoria are characters that will stay with me forever.

Highly recommended.

Abby Foster says

Ambitious, imaginative, young adult contemporary science fiction story that swings for the emotional fences, and hits it out of the park. The B Girl is literally about a "Bee" girl, a teenage girl who is brought back from death's door when a Queen Bee takes human form by merging with her consciousness.

The characters are wonderfully drawn and presented as "The B Girl" tells the story of two life long friends, Zoe and Victoria (the B Girl of the title), and the extra-ordinary events that happen during the summer between their high school and college years.

A beautiful, exciting, suspenseful, and very emotional story that must be experienced.

Rachael says

I was sent a copy of this book via Goodreads Giveaways in exchange for an honest review.

'The B Girl' is a story about a Queen bee who leaves the hive to merge with a human and try to save her race from the pesticides that are wiping them out. When she merges with Victoria Vetri, an eighteen-year-old with terminal leukemia, she saves the girl's life and they become almost one consciousness. Victoria locates the source of the toxin, D.K. Chemical, and plans to infiltrate the company and somehow stop them. But someone is after Victoria, a mad Doctor who wants to experiment on her to find out why she suddenly recovered from her illness!

I really liked the concept of this book and was very excited to read it, but honestly I just didn't enjoy it much. I felt like the characters were very 2D and the pacing of the story just wasn't very good. The action scenes were great, but the rest of the book seemed quite slow. I didn't really connect with the characters at all.

Another thing that bugged me was the constant changing of the way Cara (Kara?)'s name was spelled. For the first half of a book it was with a C, then changed to a K for a bit then kept constantly switching between the two for the remainder. I also came across quite a few spelling and punctuation mistakes. I can forgive a few, but too many and it just takes away from the story. I guess I'm just really pedantic about that kind of thing!

I'm sure some people will enjoy this book but it just wasn't my cup of tea. Sorry!

James Caterino says

I am very proud and extremely excited to present my eleventh published book, "The B Girl".

"The B Girl" is the story of an extraordinary friendship, a planet in peril, and a science fantasy adventure

beyond imagination. It is wild, dramatic, intimate, involving, exciting, emotional, and my best work to date.

Please, join me, and experience the story of "The B Girl".
